



ARTICLE ANALYSIS TOOL

I. Review the Article

- a) Title of the article _____
- b) Author of the article and credentials if available

- c) Describe any special features that are provided with the article (maps, charts, images, etc.) _____

II. Read and Analyze the Article

- a) What is the central idea, thesis, or theme of the article?

- b) For what purpose did the author write this article?

- i) What evidence does the author provide for this purpose?

- c) Are other people mentioned in the article? (names and credentials)
 - i) Name and role or purpose in the article _____
 - ii) Name and role or purpose in the article _____
 - iii) Name and role or purpose in the article _____

III. Process the Article

- a) What does the author want the reader to learn and why?

- i) Quote evidence from the article that tells you this

- b) What evidence is provided in the article to support the central idea, thesis or theme?

- c) Does the article sufficiently illustrate or strengthen the author's main points?



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- d) How are special features (maps, charts, images, etc.) used to support the central idea, thesis or theme? _____

IV. Reflect on why it matters

- a) How can you personally relate to this article and its message?

- b) What other documents or articles could you use to learn more about this topic?

- c) Closing thoughts: How has this article impacted you and why?

- d) Article citation (MLA or APA)

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